

REMARKS

Claims 1, 9-11, 14, 16 and 17 are pending in this application.

By this Amendment, claims 2, 4-8, 13 and 15 are canceled. Claims 1 and 14 are amended. Claim 17 is added. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned to schedule a personal interview before issuing a next rejection, if any.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 9-11, 14 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,873,384 to Yamanaka et al. ("Yamanaka") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,888,678 to Nishiyama et al. ("Nishiyama"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action recognizes that Yamanaka does not disclose or suggest that at least a portion of different irregularity groups has a different length from the pixel pitch, but asserts that Nishiyama discloses this feature. However, Nishiyama does not supply the subject matter lacking in Yamanaka.

In particular, claim 1 is amended to recite at least a portion of the different irregularity groups having a different length and width from the pixel pitch. Claim 14 is similarly amended. Nishiyama does not disclose or suggest this feature.

In particular, Nishiyama discloses, in Fig. 10, regions A and B (regions 107, 109, 111 and 108, 110, 112, respectively) that extend across the entire width of the pixels 104, 105 and 106. Nishiyama does not disclose or suggest that the length and the width of any of these regions are different from the pitch of the pixels. Therefore, Nishiyama does not disclose or suggest at least a portion of the different irregularity groups having a different length and width from the pixel pitch, as recited in claims 1 and 14.

For at least the above reasons, Nishiyama does not supply the subject matter lacking in Yamanaka. Therefore, Yamanaka and Nishiyama, either individually or in combination, do not disclose or suggest the subject matter recited in claims 1 and 14, and claims 9-11 and

16 depending therefrom. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 9-11, 14 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 2, 4-8, 13 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Yamanaka in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,600,534 to Tanaka et al. This rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of claims 2, 4-8, 13 and 15.

Claim 17 is patentable over the applied references. For example, as discussed above, the applied references do not disclose or suggest a first pattern having a length and a width both different from the pixel pitch and a second pattern having a length and a width both different from the pixel pitch, as recited in claim 17.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1, 9-11, 14, 16 and 17 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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